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(SALT TWO-1828)

- STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR EARLE
- AUGUST 2, 1978

MR. MINISTER:

- I

TODAY I WILL RETURN TO THE TOPIC OF THE FUTURE
DISTINGUISHABILITY OF ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS. AS YOU WILL
RECALL, ON APRIL 12 THE UNITED STATES TABLED A PROPOSED
COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II OF THE
TREATY. THIS PROPOSAL WAS CLARIFIED ON MAY 25 AND READS
AS FOLLOWS:

THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS
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THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF ICBM OR SLBM
LAUNCHERS ARE MODIFIED, CONVERTED, OR CONSTRUCTED
AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY, ANY SUCH
LAUNCHERS WHICH ARE LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED
WITH MIRVS SHALL BE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM LAUNCHERS
OF MISSILES NOT EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, AND ANY SUCH
LAUNCHERS WHICH ARE LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES NOT

EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS SHALL BE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, ON THE BASIS OF EXTERNALLY OBSERVABLE DESIGN FEATURES OF THE LAUNCHERS. CHANGES TO LAUNCHER MODIFICATION, CONVERSION, OR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS UNDERWAY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

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THE CONCEPT OF DISTINGUISHABILITY IS NOT NEW, AND THE OBLIGATIONS PROPOSED FLOW LOGICALLY FROM THE PROVISIONS ALREADY AGREED BY THE DELEGATIONS. THE EFFECT OF THIS LAUNCHER DISTINGUISHABILITY PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO AVOID POTENTIAL AMBIGUITIES IN THE APPLICATION OF TREATY PROVISIONS CONCERNING MIRV LAUNCHERS. IT WOULD THUS STRENGTHEN THE AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED WITH RESPECT TO THE VERIFICATION OF LAUNCHERS OF MIRVED MISSILES.

THE PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ALTER THE AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THE SIDES IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II AND ITS ASSOCIATED AGREED STATEMENTS AND COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS. FURTHER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS ON LAUNCHERS OF MIRVED MISSILES, THIS COMMON UNDERSTANDING WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE USE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING ANY PHASE OF MODIFICATION,

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CONVERSION, OR CONSTRUCTION. IT WOULD SERVE TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE FUTURE.

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MR. MINISTER, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THIS PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE. EARLE

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